

For the Week of September 24, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

This week's Manager's Message contains excerpts from a speech made by Selectboard Member, Jacki Murphy, at the inauguration of Dr. Lorraine Sterritt, incoming President of Saint Michael's College.

"I would like to welcome Dr. Sterritt, the first female President of the College, to our Town and offer congratulations on her new position.

Saint Michael's College and Colchester have a long history of cooperation and collaboration. From Colchester students who attend the College to those who come from elsewhere and choose to make Colchester and Vermont their home, the impact of the College upon the Town has been significant.

Saint Michaels is one of the largest employers in Colchester and many College employees reside in our community. Saint Michaels Fire and Rescue provides critical public safety services on a daily basis to the College, the town, and the region. Saint Michaels Education Department undergraduates often begin their teaching careers in the Colchester School District, which provides student teaching placements in our town's schools.

I look forward to working with Dr. Sterritt to help ensure Saint Michaels College and the Town of Colchester continue **to thrive to our mutual benefit.**"

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

Economic Development Department

Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Vermont Nut Free: Welcome to Vermont Nut Free Chocolates! They have completed the move into their new facility at Brentwood Industrial Park. They are located in the former Furniture World of Vermont building by Exit 17. Production of their nationally distributed nut free chocolates and treats has begun. A retail store will open shortly so you can stop in and purchase items directly or shop online at www.vermontnutfree.com. We will keep you informed of the opening of the retail store.

Pickled Perch: If you haven't had the chance, stop by one of our newest restaurants for dinner. The Pickled Perch is located at the corner of Blakely Road and East Lakeshore Drive in the space formerly occupied by Bayview Bar and Grill. You'll

experience “A unique twist on American Cuisine” while enjoying views of the bay. They are open for dinner from 4:00 PM, Wednesday thru Sunday. For more visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/econdev> or call (802) 264-5508.

Planning and Zoning Department **Sarah Hadd, Director**

The Planning Commission continues work on the Town Plan. Upcoming meeting dates and topics can be found at tinyurl.com/2019TownPlan. Current surveys and survey results for these topics are online. Podcasts from our meetings can be found on anchor.fm/2019townplan or you can find it on most popular podcast streaming sites. The Commission will meet on October 2nd to discuss utilities and services as well as regional cooperation.

The Development Review Board met on September 12th and approved:

- 1) A conditional use application of Christopher Whitaker for a 400 sq. ft. addition to an existing barn at 433 Middle Road, parcel 11-011010
- 2) A final plat application of Burlington Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Inc. to convey 3,831 sq. ft. from 626 Main St. to 610 Main St., parcels 24-014003 & 24-015003
- 3) Final plat and site plan applications of Severance Corners Village Center, LLC for a 29 unit 30,128 sq. ft. multi-family residential building at 2588 Blakely Rd., parcel 08-037013.

The application of Mongeon Bay Properties, LLC for amendments to a previously approved seawall a 883 East Lakeshore Drive, parcel 68-001003, was recessed to September 26th to allow for a site visit at 6PM and additional information to be submitted by the applicant.

The Severance Family Holdings and HI LLC preliminary plat application for a 475 unit, 13 lot planned unit development with a 33,000 sq. ft. general office building and a 4,230 sq. ft. large daycare facility at O Roosevelt Highway, parcel 08-038023, was recessed at the applicant’s request until October 10th.

The preliminary plat application of Casa Del Air Partnership, LLC for a five lot planned unit development at 35 West Red Rock Rd, parcel 77-005040 was recessed at the applicant’s request to December 12th.

Did you know that close to five square miles of Colchester has significant risk for flooding? A reminder that September is National Preparedness Month. For more information on Colchester flooding and what you can do to be prepared, please visit our website at: <http://www.colchestervt.gov/744/Flooding>
For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/planningz> or call (802) 264-5600.

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

- Ground survey is underway for continued work on the Malletts Bay Sewer Project.
- Have awarded a contract for the replacement of the HVAC systems at the Library. The equipment has been ordered and should be on site in approximately two weeks.
- Capital Paving Program is now substantially complete but for night work planned for Heineberg Drive, Prim Road, and portions of West Lakeshore Drive.
- We are currently planning to bid the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project on 9/25/18. We hope to have a signed contract in December and limit this year's work to tree removal. The remaining work will be completed next summer with projected completion in late August.
- We are working with the School District in preparation for the November election. The District will have a ballot item asking voters to approve the conveyance of an 8' strip of land across the front of the High School property that is needed to reconstruct the Blakely Road/Laker Lane intersection.
- Stormwater Utility and/or Grant Funded Projects:
 - Currently finalizing the scope of work for a Town-wide condition assessment of the Town's stormwater system. We expect this work to begin this fall and be completed next spring. (80% grant funding)
 - The replacement of the Reynolds Drive stormwater system has been completed. This project was completed through the Stormwater Utility.
 - We have released an RFP for design services for stormwater improvements to Shore Acres and the surrounding area, due 9/20/18. (\$350,000 grant).
 - A consultant has been selected for the development of a phosphorus control plan as required under the recently released MS4 Stormwater Permit. (funded with a \$50,000 grant).
 - Working on the design for the replacement of large drainage culverts under Hercules Drive that have failed. (Stormwater Utility).
 - Slip lining of a large diameter drainage culvert under Malletts Bay Avenue is scheduled for 9/20/2018 (funded by the Stormwater Utility).
- For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/publicworks> or call (802) 264-5620.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10.



- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next Meeting: Monday, October 15.
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 9.

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.)



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